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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on September 6, 2003. A petition and fee for a two-month extension of time is being filed herewith, which extends the period for reply to November 6, 2003. This response is being filed within the extended period for response. No additional fees are believed to be required at this time.

In the event that additional fees are required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul deposit account number 16-0750.

Please amend the application as follows: